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Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431

Greetings!

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A CHRISTIAN!

This is a formal re-application for exemption to the closed captioning requirements on the basis of undue burden (47 C.F.R. § 79.1(e)-(f)).

As noted in our previous petition, Evangel Temple's broadcast ministry began in 1989 in order to reach others outside the church with the gospel message via television. In 17 years, the broadcast has helped many and has provided a place for the gospel message to be heard by those who tune in each week.

The expense to provide closed caption would greatly jeopardize our ability to finance our program and remain on the air. Specifically:

- (a) Evangel Temple employs one part time media editor. The cost to hire additional staff to supply in house captioning is not a possibility.
- (b) Purchasing software and equipment, estimated at \$7,000, is also cost prohibitive.
- (c) Utilizing a third-party to provide this service has been estimated at \$600 per week or \$31,200 annual.

These costs would significantly impede this non-profit organization, resulting in the cancellation of our program, ending over 17 years in the local market. The financial support for this church is funded through tithes, offerings and donations. Evangel Temple does not generate income from the broadcast through product sales, donation requests or paid advertising. The goal of the broadcast is to win souls therefore we do not want to impact the significance of the gospel message by focusing on the financial burdens associated with offering closed captioning.


The broadcast is produced and distributed locally and is of local public interest. The programs are not news, they do not have repeat or syndication value, and because it's not live, the electronic newsroom technique is not an option.

I am including a 2006 financial summary for your review in support of the financial burden that captioning would impose upon Evangel Temple and our broadcast ministry.

We are praying that you will re-review our request and render us exemption from the closed captioning requirements. Please note, we do understand and believe in the FCC's underlying premise that all programs should be closed captioned so that the hearing impaired have access. As a matter of fact, Evangel Temple provides a ministry to the hearing impaired through volunteer interpreters for our worship services. Therefore, we are praying that our finances increase so that closed captioning of our broadcasts can be reconsidered as God provides.

Respectfully thanking you for your time and consideration.

TURNING AN AUDIENCE INTO AN ARMY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Hutchings", with a stylized, flowing script.

Don Hutchings
Pastor, Evangel Temple

Evangel Temple Assembly of God

2006 Financial Summary

Month	Income	Expense	+/-
January	\$81,680.07	\$79,655.31	\$2,024.76
February	\$81,720.38	\$78,881.57	\$2,838.81
March	\$84,367.76	\$67,635.59	\$16,732.17
April	\$77,251.01	\$79,641.25	-\$2,390.24
May	\$91,316.72	\$88,403.16	\$2,913.56
June	\$88,747.57	\$75,500.36	\$13,247.21
July	\$76,725.16	\$90,737.25	-\$14,012.09
August	\$75,351.76	\$83,864.38	-\$8,512.62
September	\$71,926.98	\$65,279.23	\$6,647.75
October	\$87,638.85	\$91,142.08	-\$3,503.23
November	\$75,901.90	\$123,771.19	-\$47,869.29
December	\$74,035.40	\$75,080.04	-\$1,044.64
TOTAL	\$966,663.56	\$999,591.41	-\$32,927.85

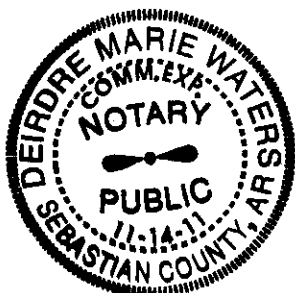
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I the undersigned being first duly sworn verify under oath that I am the Pastor of Evangel Temple and prepared the material consisting of three pages which is attached to this affidavit and pledge that it is true correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Don Hutchings
Pastor, Evangel Temple

Subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned notary public on this 18th day of June, 2007.



My commission expires
November 14, 2011



Deirdre Waters
Notary Public